

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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I understand that the Department of Defense will be attempting to secure a round of Base Realignment and Closures (BRACs) as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. The Department of Defense (DOD) generates \$41 billion annually for the economy in California. In Los Angeles County, defense industry contracts provide thousands of quality jobs with real benefits and career advancement opportunities. For example, the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) at Los Angeles Air Force Base designs, develops, and purchases more than \$9 billion worth of space and missile systems for the Air Force and other organizations within the (DOD). Over the past 12 years, defense contracts have totaled close to \$186 billion for our County's economy, and \$880 billion across the State. While Congressional support for BRACs appear to be unlikely, it is important for Congress and the Administration to be reminded of the economic importance of the defense industry to the largest county in the United States, and in California as a whole.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five signature letter to the Los Angeles Congressional Delegation, expressing the importance of supporting jobs and businesses in Los Angeles County and opposing potential efforts by the Administration to include Base Realignment and Closures in the National Defense Authorization Act, for military installations in Los Angeles County or in any part of California.

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